

2009 Greenville Cyber Patriots Compete

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Members of the Greenville Squadrons Cyber Patriot team (Team Swampfox) reached the 'Medalist Round (Semi-finals) of the national Cyber Patriot competition. Team Swampfox was the only entry from the SC Wing, four ROTC from SC also competed, but did not reach the Medalist Round. A total of 255 teams (CAP and USAF JROTC) from around the country, including a few located at overseas military bases competed in the first round of the contest.

The Medalist Round was made up of the top 35 teams from the first round. These teams were competing for eight spots at the National Finals in Orlando during February. Team Swampfox was eliminated in the Medalist Round, but elimination is not the end of the line for Team Swampfox. The team has agreed that they want to go forward, competing in 'Capture the Flag' and other Cyber events. They also have plans to reach Orlando next year.

Reaching the semi-finals in this contest was no easy feat. Members of the Greenville Squadron, lead by team coach Sponsor Member Scott Anderson, had 4 month to build a computer lab from scratch. Some judicious scrounging and a good eye at Yard Sales turned up enough equipment to compete. Members of the team dedicated time twice a week, in addition to regular CAP meetings, to prepare for the competition.

Civil Air Patrol overall put in a very good showing. CAP units made up 36% of the initial entries, 44% of the teams moving on to the Medalist Round were CAP units. Of the eight teams to reach the Finals, four are CAP units! Middle East Region has one team in the finals, the Burlington Squadron, from the NC Wing. Team Swampfox sends their congratulations, and reminds our Tar Heel friends that the duty of upholding the Regions honor now falls on them!

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